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## SEMINARY TRUSTEES HOLD HISTORY MAKING SESSION

SIX NEW FACULTY MEMBERS ELECTED - TWO ADVANCED

By Erwin L. McDonald

(Director of Publicity, Southern Seminary)

The board of trustees of the Southern Seminary held a history-making session here on March 30.

In their first meeting to be held on the Seminary campus since they changed their meeting place from the annual Southern Baptist Convention city, the trustee:

1. Approved a recommendation from the faculty that the Nigerian Baptist Seminary, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, be made an affiliate of Southern Seminary and that the Louisville seminary award the Th. B. degree to Nigerian students completing the prescribed, four-year advanced course in the African seminary.
2. Elected six new members to the faculty, advanced to the rank of full professor two members of the faculty, and named two acting heads of departments.
3. Accepted a proposed change in requirements for graduate degrees granted by the Seminary.

Approval of the African seminary as an affiliate of Southern Seminary culminates a movement started ten years ago by Dr. J. Christopher Pool, graduate of Southern Seminary who was sent to Ogbomoso by the Foreign Mission Board in 1935 to re-establish the Nigerian Seminary. For the first time in history, Nigerian Baptists will now be able to earn a standard theological degree without leaving Africa. The first graduating class under the new plan is expected to receive its degrees at special commencement exercises to be held in August, 1950, in connection with the observance of the centennial of the Nigerian Baptist Convention. President Ellis A. Fuller, of Southern Seminary, has been invited to go to Nigeria and confer the degrees in person.

Two of Southern Seminary's new faculty members will be new-comers to the Seminary's teaching staff: Dr. William A. Mueller, a member of the faculty of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, N. Y., since 1944, who will be professor of theology and acting head of the Department of Theology; and Dr. Theron B. Price, since 1945 head of the Department of History of Religion and Missions of the Roberts School of Christianity, Mercer University, who will be assistant professor in the departments of Church History and Theology.

A native of Germany, Dr. Mueller was reared in the Rhineland and came to America in 1923. He has the M. A. degree from Canisius College, Buffalo, N. Y.; the Master of Sacred Theology degree from Union Theological Seminary, New York City; and the Ph. D., from New York University. Previous positions include: two pastorates in New York and two teaching positions prior to his going to Colgate-Rochester professor of Philosophy of Religion and Psychology of Religion in New York University (1934-36), and professor and head of the department of Church History and Missions, Eastern Baptist Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa.

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## Press Award Goes To Elizabeth Draughon, Ex-Editor of Record

Among winners in the "writing" contest of the Mississippi Federation of Press Women, as announced last week by the contest chairman, Mrs. W. C. Taylor of the Mississippi Sun, Charleston, was Miss Elizabeth Draughon, formerly on the editorial staff of the Baptist Record, and no Educational Director of Edgemont Church, Durham, North Carolina.

Miss Draughon, former editorial assistant and who served as editor of the Baptist Record last summer while Editor Goodrich attended the Baptist World Alliance in Copenhagen, Denmark, was awarded second prize for the best Mississippi newspaper edited by a woman. First prize went to Miss Hazel Brannon, editor of the Lexington Advertiser.

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## Baptist Mission Leader Denounces Chinese Communists

RICHMOND, Va. —(RNS)—"If anyone thinks Communism is the answer to the world's problems, he ought to go to China today."

Those are the words of Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, secretary for the Orient of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, who is here from Shanghai on a two month's visit.

"If you talk with men and women of real character who have experienced the Communists in action," he said, "they will tell you an ugly story of robbery, torture and death—all in the name of a new China."

Dr. Cauthen, a native of Lufkin, Texas, declared that "civil war or no civil war, Communists or no Communists, the Christian missionary to China is going right ahead with his job of

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## Business Expert Sought Over Year Ago Joins Convention Board Staff



M. F. RAYBURN

M. F. Rayburn, shown above, outstanding layman of Meridian, has assumed the duties of administrative assistant at the Baptist Building in Jackson. The plan was authorized over a year ago, but was not carried out until this date, due to the fact that Mr. Rayburn's private business was so arranged that he did not find it possible to take up the work in the spring of 1947 according to the authorization of the Executive Committee,

and the Mission Secretary.

Eminently fitted for such a position requiring great business ability and experience, Mr. Rayburn will prove to be a great help in the growing and expanding work of Mississippi Baptists.

A former teacher in Mississippi educational circles, he is also an administrative expert with special training. In higher accountancy, during his post graduate course he was office manager. He was co-partner in the organization of a substantial business concern in Meridian in 1930, and has served as its president from the beginning.

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## MISSIONARIES WRITE

In a recent letter from Rev. O. B. Robertson of Argicola, he enclosed a message received by the parents of Rev. John A. Parker, missionary to Chile. Below we reproduce some of the paragraphs which will be of interest to the friends of this missionary couple:

Since we arrived December 8, 1947, we have been busy visiting the churches, renting a house in Talca where we are to live, celebrating Christmas in mid-summer, and getting our things through the customs.

We were very happy to find that the Second Baptist Church in Santiago, where we worked before going home, is going forward in a fine way. It is now the only church in Chile which pays its pastor's full salary without help from Southern Baptists. There are other pastors who do not receive outside help, but they work on the side to supplement what the church gives. There was only one church in Chile that gave more money for all causes than the Second

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## Baptists Boycott Sunday Concert

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. —(BP)—Almost two-thirds of the 5700 seats in Chattanooga's municipal auditorium were left vacant for an Easter night concert of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra because of organized opposition by Chattanooga Baptist churches.

The concert, broadcast on a national radio network, was scheduled from 6 to 8 p. m. Sunday night, and Chattanooga Baptist ministers protested it would interfere with city-wide Baptist evangelistic services.

The opposition first was voiced by Dr. John A. Huff, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Chattanooga, a month in advance of the concert. It took strength a week ago in a united expression from all Baptist ministers in the city.

As plans were continued, the Baptist pastors asked their members to boycott the Detroit musicians. They also ran a paid advertisement in Chattanooga papers opposing the Sunday night engagement.

## The Baptist Record EF Plan Increases Finances



## BAPTIST MISSION LEADER

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preaching, teaching and healing."

Describing the Communists as "very difficult masters," Dr. Cauthen said the Red regime "is hargest on those Chinese who have professed the Christian faith."

The mission leader, who is responsible for the work of 208 Baptist missionaries in China and Japan, declared that "the door is wide open for Christian missions" in China despite civil strife and economic confusion.

Missionaries are not leaving the Orient in spite of the obvious dangers there, he said, adding, "we do have spot evacuations, and men and women are shifted from the interior to other stations."

However, the decision to evacuate is left entirely up to the missionary or missionary couple. Dr. Cauthen said that although missions at Tsingtao, Tsinan and Tsinan are surrounded by Communists no missionary has been evacuated.

Rivalling the civil war as a national problem is inflation, Dr. Cauthen said.

"One of our missionaries tells the biggest success story of the decade," he recalled. "The first year she was in China she drew \$800,000 in salary. The year she left she drew \$10,000,000—Chinese money, of course."

Inflation is so bad now, he went on that a missionary's yearly salary of one thousand American dollars totals \$36,000,000 a month in Chinese currency.

Turning to Chinese-American relations, Dr. Cauthen reported that a fine spirit of good will toward America exists in the Orient.

He attributed this to the good impression made by American soldiers, to aid extended by UNRRA, and to Ambassador Leighton Stuart. "The man in the street in China recognizes the United States as his friend," the missionary said. "Communists have done much to poison the minds of the people with anti-American propaganda, but the average Chinese is too sensible to take it seriously."

Referring to Chiang Kai-shek, Dr. Cauthen said that Chinese Christians appreciated the Generalissimo's "Christian character."

"His public utterances throughout the war years were the most definitely Christian statements of any head of government," Dr. Cauthen said. "He has expressed himself as depending on God, prayer and the Gospel of Christ to form character as a basis for working our national and international problems. His over-all influence is an asset for the cause of Christianity in the Orient."

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## MISSIONARIES WRITE

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church this year. The church at Talca, where we now live has been pastorless for about three years and has suffered.

Pastor Hand, of East Dallas Baptist Church, the church which has adopted Ruby as its missionary, has visited us. His message at the Chilean Baptist Convention was the high point of his visit. Some of the Chileans said: "Tell him to come and work with us."

Upon returning to Chile we were planning to give our time exclusively to evangelistic work in the Talca territory, but the Baptist Convention has planned for us to give much time to Sunday School work.

Recently we went to Cauquenes, a town about 98 miles from Talca, where we met a jailor from Linares. In the 20 years since his conversion, he has served in 19 different towns. In each he has preached the gospel, given out testaments, tracts, and done personal work. Many have accepted Jesus.

I am to "take over" as pastor of the Talca Church and deliver the opening address of the Seminary at First Church in Santiago March 22.

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Rev. and Mrs. Troy Price are the proud parents of a daughter, Berryle Anne, born March 23. The Rev. Mr. Price is a member of Clarke College faculty.

## SPIRIT IS PRAISED



By C. Z. Holland, Pastor First Baptist Church Jonesboro, Ark.

I have watched with pride and satisfaction the growth of Clarke College and its enlarged ministry. There is more Christianity to the square inch on the campus of Clarke College than any institution I know anything about.

If Mississippi Baptists did not have the institution wisdom would be with them to establish one as nearly like it as possible. Arkansas is in the process of doing that very thing. The institution is unique in its ministry. Baptists are a unique people and the institution is filling a vital place in the denominational life.

I was never a student in Clarke College but I have been blessed by its spiritual ministry in many ways. Several of the pastors of my home church Pleasant Grove, Clarke Association, were either students or former students of Clarke College. Among those that have served in recent years are Rev. D. L. Stennis, Dr. Jake Murphy, and Dr. Hardee Kennedy.

I was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Newton where a large number of the faculty members and student body worshiped. The spiritual impact of the college was tremendous. I accepted the challenge of service when the college was without a president and served in the capacity of Administration from 1935-1937. The Convention had for its consideration the disposition of the property and a large portion of the student body remained in a prayer meeting most of the time the Convention was in session. It was born in prayer, cradled in prayer, and prayer and sacrifice have sustained it. A dollar invested in this institution is a dollar wisely invested in the Kingdom of our God.

Editor's Note: Rev. Holland was formerly pastor First Baptist Church at Canton, Mississippi, and attended college at Poplarville and Mississippi College. He was at one time stewardship leader for the state Baptists and is widely and popularly known in Mississippi. He recently left Canton to accept the call to Jonesboro, one of Arkansas' great churches.)

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## SEMINARY TRUSTEES

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(1936-44). Dr. Mueller was chief interpreter for the Baptist World Alliance at its meetings in Berlin, 1934, and in Atlanta, 1939. He is a former vice president and member of several important committees of the Northern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Price is a native of Booneville, Ark. He received the B. A. degree Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Ark., the Th. M. and Th. D. degrees from Southern Seminary, and did graduate

work at Yale.

Four instructors at the Seminary were elected to membership on the faculty:

Dr. Dale Moody, native of Stamford, Tex., who has the B. A. degree from Baylor University and the Th. M. and Th. D. degrees from Southern Seminary, and who was instructor in Theology this year, will be assistant professor of Theology.

Dr. John Joseph Owens, of Shawnee, Okla., instructor in Old Testament Interpretation, will now be assistant professor in this department. Dr. Owens has the B. A. from Oklahoma Baptist University and the Th. M. and Th. D. degrees from Southern Seminary.

Dr. William H. Morton, of Weaubleau, Mo., who has the B. S. degree from Southwest Missouri State and the Th. M. and Th. D. degrees from Southern Seminary, has been advanced to assistant professor in the Department of Biblical Archaeology.

Dr. Wayne E. Oates, of Greenville, S. C., who received the B. A. degree from Wake Forest College and the B. D., Th. M., and Th. D. degrees from Southern Seminary, will now be assistant professor in Psychology of Religion and will continue as director of Clinical Training.

Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, of the Department of Public Speaking, were each advanced to the rank of professor.

Dr. Clyde T. Francisco, assistant professor of Old Testament Interpretation, was named acting head of the Department of Old Testament, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. J. Leo Green recently to become pastor of First Baptist church, Pensacola, Fla.

Change in Graduate Requirements  
Change of requirements for gra-

duate degrees, as adopted by the trustees, completely separates the work required for the Th. M. degree from that required for the Th. D. It is no longer necessary for a candidate for the Th. D. degree to secure the Th. M. degree, and work done toward the Th. M. degree will not be applied toward the Th. D. Senior languages are no longer required for the Th. M. except in the case of those who major in Biblical studies, and then only at the suggestion of the major professor. Candidates for the Th. M. degree will now be required to write a thesis of not less than fifty pages.

In their annual reorganization, the trustees re-elected Dr. J. Clyde Turner, Greensboro, N. C., president; V. V. Cooke, Louisville, first vice president; and F. A. Sampson, Louisville, secretary. President Harwell G. Davis, of Howard College, Birmingham, Ala., was elected second vice president; and P. H. Bufkin, Jr., of Louisville, treasurer.

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## Hudgins Reaches 2nd Anniversary

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins' second anniversary as pastor of the First Baptist church of Jackson was marked by an unusually big day at the church Sunday.

At the morning hour, an overflow congregation heard the pastor intently as he delivered a strong sermon from the same text used for his first service as pastor of the church.

The pastor-emeritus, Dr. W. A. Hewitt, praised the progress of the church under the two-year ministry of Dr. Hudgins and led the congregation in a standing vote of appreciation to the brilliant young minister.

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"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Jesus in Matthew 7:12

### IMPORTANT DATES

Mississippi Baptist Stewardship Conference, Monday, September 6, 1948, Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church, Meridian.

Mississippi Baptist Evangelistic Conference, March 1-4, 1949.

Put these two dates down NOW!

God has been blessing us in a number of ways. This week another blessing comes our way, and we are utterly happy. Mr. M. F. Rayburn, prominent churchman, business and civic leader of Meridian, has agreed to come to us part-time as Administrative Assistant to the Executive Secretary.

Two or more years ago the Convention Board authorized an Assistant to the Executive Secretary. Mr. M. F. Rayburn was carefully and prayerfully decided upon. For a year or more he carefully considered the matter, but his large and growing business in Meridian had a strong claim on him. His family situation and church relations are very happy at South Side Baptist Church with a great pastor and wife in Rev. and Mrs. Estus Mason. Feeling that he could not sever his business ties, after a year he has agreed to help us part-time. He will render invaluable assistance in our Mississippi Baptist work.

We have known him many years. We have never known of him or heard of him being anything but the very finest sort of Christian layman and citizen. He has held almost every church position available to a fine layman. During the illness of a former great pastor he was almost assistant to that pastor. He has been Sunday School Superintendent, teacher, Training Union leader, Brotherhood president, is now a deacon and treasurer of his church. His coming to us is another proof that God is smiling upon Mississippi Baptist work.

### II

The load has come to be so tremendous in the Bookkeeping Department, the Executive Committee has made Miss Lois Tyler co-bookkeeper with Miss Schilling. Miss Tyler will share equally with Miss Schilling in the work, responsibility, and supervision of this department.

Staff members are asked to refrain from lounging around in the Bookkeeping Department.

Institutional heads and representatives are asked to come through the Executive Secretary in securing data or figures from the Bookkeeping Department since the bookkeeping is a part of the work of the office of the Executive Secretary. In more than one instance, institutional representatives have come to subordinates in these offices with their criticisms of work and workers. We would not think of going to say Blue Mountain College side stepping the president of the college and venting our criticism on the the bookkeeper or the office secretary. We feel that would be unethical and ungentlemanly. We must insist that the above request be followed so far as these offices in the Baptist Building are concerned.

We are delighted to give out information, but we want you to get the information and not a partial report. A partial report sometimes distorts the picture. Then an orderly procedure should be followed. We must first of all bear the responsibility, and we like to have a chance of doing it in an orderly way.

### III

Question: What is the "R" account?  
Answer: When we came into this work, Mississippi Baptists were not giving enough money to pay the interest on about \$650,000 indebtedness—much less to pay interest on another debt of about \$350,000 plus \$10,000 bond maturity, annually. We had to issue additional bonds the first year or two to pay interest. We

were so overcome by this tragic situation we did not draw our full salary the first year or two but left it, as little as it was, for Mississippi Baptists to use and without interest. The Board lovingly rebuked us and told us to take our money.

So many Baptists—pastors, men, women, and children were so loyal that we still wanted to do an extra part. Jesus had done so much for us! (Still some folks, then as now, were critical, spreading falsehood about His work and workers.)

We knew we and others had the right to designate for the Lord's work. Any person has the right to say where his offering shall go—how it shall be used! We set up the "R" (revival and refund) account into which we poured our proffered salary checks or expense checks, love offerings from revivals, checks for pulpit supply, mileage allowance, etc. It totaled on an average \$2,000 a year that we might have legitimately put in our pocket.

How did we use it? We paid some of our field expenses to lighten the load on the Co-operative Program, we gave to institutions, we helped ministerial students, we paid for New Testaments and other choice literature in large volume to give to preachers, laymen, and children, we paid for transportation that we might stay in the field, etc.

### IV

Question: Do you pay for the promotional meals out of the "R" account?

Answer: Frequently we paid for such meals for a group of workers out of this account. When we did not so pay for it directly we put the equivalent of it and more into the work through this account.

### V

Question: Why did you set the "R" account up on the Board books?

Answer: We knew all the Judas Iscariots were not dead. We wanted it out in the open where it could be audited and kept straight by the bookkeepers.

Incidentally, we have had four auditors these ten years and not one has ever suggested any Board employee got one penny more than was due. Also, we now have five bookkeepers and they will tell you the King's Business is in order.

We are sure the devil does not think so. Job. 1,2.

### VI

While in Georgia in the State Evangelistic Conference work, we had the privilege of preaching the gospel at Dublin, Ludowici, Douglas, Moultrie, and Camilla. The services were very fine with spirits running high. In addition to state men serving as speakers, others on the program were Dr. J. E. Dillard, Dr. Merrill Moore, and Dr. Boyd Hunt.

Both congregations filled the house of worship at Byhalia on Sunday. The saints there have just completed redecorating a very lovely auditorium. We were royally entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Talbot Myers.

A great fellowship banquet was had at Schlater Monday night. Rev. W. W. Miller has recently come to them as pastor, and has started leading off in a fine way. It was good to be there.

### VII

The Executive Committee passed a ruling requesting friends not to park in the drive at the rear of the Baptist Building. This applies to everybody. The space is for loading and unloading only.

A former Clarke College student, Brother W. M. Bayne, now field worker in the mountains, Sulphur Springs, Georgia, is in need of books for an association library. Any interested person may mail such books directly to him.

Rev. Bob S. Rushing is a blind preacher graduating at Mississippi College in June. He is interested in working in rural churches in Mississippi. Any Church interested should write directly to him.

A dear friend from Forest writes, "I am sending you \$2.00 (Clarke College Campaign); I would like to send more, but my husband is an invalid and has been for 3 years this June." What marvelous loyalty!

### VIII

In no sense do we desire to be a reformer. An occasional violation, however, seems to strike us as needing attention. Have you noticed how little Scripture is used in the average wedding ceremony? It seems to us that in the beginning of a new home, as sacred as it is, that the word of God should be used quite prominently.

Incidentally, we do not expect it to be changed in our generation, if ever, but it always seemed quite silly to us to hear the instruments sound out, "Here comes the bride" and the preacher steps out. It is difficult enough at the best to have the right sort of spirit pervade the wedding ceremony without adding difficulties. As a matter of fact, is it not strange that so many of us in writing and speaking use so little use of the Scripture. Scriptures are frequently sparsely used even in a funeral. II Timothy 3:14-4:8.

### IX

Did you know that our Brother Harrison designed the emblem of the harp and cross at the head of his column? Did you know that this emblem has been adopted by the Southwide Music Department? Brother B. B. McKinney reminded Secretary D. A. McCall of these things the day of the funeral.

Furthermore, Brother Harrison has a book coming from the press soon. In addition he was to have been on the faculty at Ridgecrest this summer.

Our loss is great! Heaven has gained!

### BR

## DAVIS MEMORIAL'S NEED

By D. Swan Haworth, Th. D.

In a recent letter addressed to Pastor Johnston the author had the following to say, "I am, indeed, grateful for the wonderful work that you are doing at the Orphanage; during the time that I was Pastor in Louisville, Kentucky, I had a number of the boys and girls from our Baptist Orphanage there in the church where I was serving as pastor. There were three Baptist Church with in reasonable walking distance of the home and the children were divided among these three churches.

Our people always looked forward to having the boys and girls from the home and I certainly am in sympathy with the need that you have in providing space for the religious education of these boys and girls, giving them opportunity of worship, etc. It is a major responsibility for your church alone.

These are our boys and girls, as I looked over the list, I realized that a number of them are boys and girls from Vicksburg that I have recommended to the Orphanage and Mr. Mize has been gracious enough to accept. I, therefore, feel a very personal responsibility in their future spiritual development and while I cannot minister to them, directly, I can indirectly through your church. To you and your church I am exceedingly grateful and I trust that now or at least within the next few months my own church will be able to lend its assistance in the fine campaign that you are now entering.

## MISSISSIPPIAN RETURNS



DR. IVAN LOWRY

Rev. Ivan Lowry, former pastor at Pine Grove, Louisiana, has returned to Mississippi to become pastor at Pine Bluff and Carpenter Churches in Copiah County. Before leaving Mississippi four years ago, Mr. Lowry was pastor of Mt. Zion Church in Wayne County. He is a native of Rankin County, a graduate of Mississippi College, and of the New Orleans Seminary.

Brother and Mrs. Lowry, the former Miss Annie Bell Wallace of New Orleans, and their five children plan to move into the new pastor's home at Pine Bluff April 15.

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## Only Home Reservations Available at Memphis

Dr. S. A. Murphy, General Chairman on Entertainment of the Southern Baptist Convention, urges upon each reader to make special notation of this statement.

"All hotel rooms for the Convention have long since been taken and Dr. Mark Harris is chairman of the committee to make reservations in private homes. He has nothing to do with reservations in hotels. If any desire a room in a home during the Convention please write to Dr. Mark Harris, 601 N. Bellevue, Memphis 7, Tennessee.

It looks now as if no reservations can be received for assignment after May 1, so please get your request in at once."

### BR

## ALEXANDER MEMORIAL ORDAINS DEACONS

Alexander Memorial Church recently increased its number of deacons from 3 to 6 when they ordained H. T. Cochran, L. M. Smith, and J. O. Cudd to the deaconship. Assisting the pastor, Rev. Aaron Traham, in the ordination service were Rev. J. R. Eubanks of Greenville, and Rev. L. L. Nicholson of Rolling Fork.

### BR

## Rev. A. E. Pardue Elected Superintendent Of Missions In Louisiana

Rev. A. E. Pardue, formerly pastor of the First Church, Magnolia, has been elected superintendent of State Missions work in Louisiana.

Mr. Pardue has served very successfully for several years as superintendent of City Missions, under the direction of the State Secretary, Dr. W. H. Knight.



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## We Object

To the campaigns that are underway concerning the next president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Already two letters have been received, each asking our support for different persons for president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

We would not say that we would not vote for a person for whom a preconvention campaign had been made, but we would certainly be less inclined to do so.

The chances are that the two men referred to above had nothing to do with the letters, but whoever did hurt instead of helped their chances.

Let God, not men, lead us to the right man.

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## Distillers Favored

According to Drew Pearson, the high Army officials demand the drafting of men for the Army but continue to let the big distillers put out more and more whiskey regardless of the fact that the nation's industrial alcohol reserve remains dangerously low.

In 1943 there was a stockpile of 200,000,000 gallons of industrial alcohol. Today, according to Mr. Pearson, the stockpiled gallons are 21,000,000, or enough to last 10 days in case of war. But the distillers continue to use needed grain to produce whiskey while millions are hungry!

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## Amend It Or Kill It

Senate bill 472, has been recommended for passage by a Committee of Congress.

The purpose of this bill is to aid public schools throughout the nation. But it also provides that where states have a law permitting the use of public money for certain purposes, tax money may be appropriated under this bill for parochial schools on a percentage

basis in proportion to attendance, the same as for public schools.

This is in our judgement the most iniquitous and damnable bill ever considered seriously by our Congress pertaining to religious freedom and the inalienable rights of the spirits of a free people. We use strong language intentionally about this pernicious legislation to see if we can wake up our people before it shall be too late.

It may be all right for the federal government to aid the public schools although many thoughtful people fear that precedent, because there is a principle as old as human society that those who furnish money in large quantities for enterprise in the end will control those enterprises.

This bill provides that the money shall be controlled and administered by the states but bureaus and committees and commissions can lay down conditions that may nullify the letter of the law.

The thing, however, argued here is that the bill should be amended so as to cut out appropriations for sectarian purposes or be killed. One is surprised that this amazing monstrous un-American, unconstitutional bill has not aroused the people to the point of indignation. The people who are pressing this bill with its provision for parochial schools are after a State Church in this country, and the Supreme Court went the first mile in that direction in an alarming decision in a New Jersey bus case wherein they said it is constitutional to pay with public money bus fare of children who go to parochial schools. Any thoughtful person who reads the first amendment knows that the language plainly prohibits any measure which tends to "an establishment of religion or (and) prohibits the free exercise thereof," and paying bus fare does that.

Senate bill 472 will, if adopted in its present form turn many millions of dollars into parochial schools: which will not only blot out the distinction between church and state, but will in time destroy the public school system. This same vicious favoritism has practically destroyed the public schools in Ontario. School teachers and administrators are falling hard for this legislation, blindly overlooking, or being blissfully ignorant of the vicious principle in it which will in time rob them of their salaries and destroy the very institution which feeds them.

Talk about permitting this in states which have approved the violation of religious freedom by appropriating tax money for sectarian purposes, and try to justify it on the plea of States Rights!

What about the fourteenth amendment and States Right? This government was founded on the principle of freedom of body, mind, and soul. This bill in its present form is a betrayal of the principle sacred to those who died to make us free. If you love your religious freedom, your church, and your public schools you had better get busy with your Senators and House members with some plain talk. The house is on fire and will soon collapse if you remain asleep. Then you will pull out of your stupor and surmise: "What fools we mortals be!"—By L. E. Barton.

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## Lessons From Hamburg

Most of our readers will recall that several months ago a young man by the name of Wallace Hamburg was convicted of the murder of State Senator J. Emmett Buckley of Enterprise. We do not need to repeat the sad and sordid details of that crime which, as in the majority of cases, was a result of whiskey drinking, illegal whiskey selling, and the lack of proper law enforcement on the part of persons. Hamburg was sentenced to be electrocuted and is now awaiting electrocution in the county jail at Meridian.

Our readers will also recall that Hamburg has professed conversion and a letter from him was published in the Baptist Record several weeks ago:

There are some lessons that we can learn from this pitiful story.

1. Sin is unprofitable. The Scripture says, "Treasures of wickedness profit nothing," and in another place we read, "For there shall be no reward to the evil man; the candle of the wicked shall be put out." It is true that wickedness brings millions to many, but in the end they are the losers for "What doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his soul?"

2. One sin leads to another. This unfortunate young man did not start out to be a drunkard nor a murderer. The chances are that his first drink was a small one and taken because of the tauntings of others, but little sins grew and the end was drunkenness and murder.

3. Sin enslaves. No doubt many a time after some sinful carousal this poor young man made honest vows, but sin's power was too great without God's help and after awhile sin had dominion over him; for we read in the Scripture, "Exhort one another daily, while it is called today, lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."

4. Sin mocks. No doubt some

of the very folks who led this young man to drink and sold him the liquid death now talk about how foolish he was.

5. Sin finds you out. In this case no eye witnesses except those involved were found. It looked like the perfect murder but a peculiar laugh and some good detective work unearthed the facts. It is still true as God's word says, "Your sin will find you out."

6. Sin brings death. It does not always bring electrocution, nor does it always result in a prison sentence; but "He that pursueth wickedness pursueth it to his own death." "The soul that sinneth it shall die." "The wages of sin is death."

7. Sin hurts the innocent. In case the sentence of the court is carried out, young Hamburg will suffer little. In just a few seconds he will be dead. There will be no physical pain, but the loved ones have been hurt by the shameful publicity and will continue to the day of their death to be under the stigma of having a relative convicted of murder and sentenced to death. Many a disparaging remark will be made, many tears of sorrow will be shed, and many innocent souls will be hurt because of this sin. It pays on earth and in Heaven to abhor sin.

At the trial of young Hamburg some defendants were absent. Any officer who did not honestly try to enforce the law against the sale of liquor, every legislator who did not help to pass laws for good law enforcement, and every person connected with the sale of liquor should have been co-defendants. They may escape punishment here, but "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."

Sin just doesn't pay.

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## Selected Editorial

### He Blessed Them, But Put No Water On Them

Matthew records the following: "Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence" (19:13-15). Mark (10:13) describes these as "young children and Luke (18:15) says they were "infants."

Many people quote this in support of so-called infant baptism. A study of the record lends no logical and Biblical support to this idea.

Note what the Scriptures say as to why these children were brought to the Lord. "Then were there brought

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE April 4, 1948

Brookhaven, First	766	169
Jackson, Elfrane	116	114
Jackson, Van Winkle	404	240
Jackson, Calvary	1331	307
Jackson, Calvary including		
Stone Street Mission	1360	334
Jackson, Northside	344	106
Jackson, Parkway	704	250
Laurel, Second Avenue	493	143
Byram, Hinds County	142	112
Buelah, Simpson County	174	150
Laurel, West	490	129
Crystal Springs	760	149
New Albany First	558	213
New Albany First including		
Northside Mission	578	243
Antioch, Lawrence County	47	
Centerville	183	63
Bruce	248	76
Darling	62	34
Oak Grove, Calhoun County	68	45
Laurel, Beacon	275	124
Cross Roads, Webster	84	39
Myrick, Jones County	105	94
Newton	402	155
Zion, Pontotoc County	89	45
Cherry Creek, Pontotoc		
County	54	34
Gulfport, First	627	165
East McComb	427	256
Hattiesburg, Main Street	808	311
Rocky Springs, Yazoo County	35	
Booneville, First	242	114
Chester	59	
Greenwood	600	
Mt. Vernon, Leflore	92	95
Durant	214	76
Winona	303	60
Columbus, First	913	210
O'Tuckalofa, Yalobusha County	40	
Tate Street, Corinth	224	70
Center, Union County	128	53
Houlka, Chickasaw County	85	40
March 28, 1948		
Pine Grove, Pearl River		
County	228	
Jackson, Davis Memorial	265	107
Oak Grove, Calhoun County	74	54
Durant	241	69

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unto him little children, that he should put his hands upon them, and pray" (Matt. 19:13). It was a blessing bestowed in a well-known oriental way which was sought, that was all. There is not even a logical hint of any water ritual. "And they brought young children to him that he should touch them" (Mark 10:13). The manner and meaning of the "touch" is explained in Matthew's words just quoted. Luke says the same as Mark. The people sought simply a well-known act of blessing in behalf of the children. There was no water ritual at all.

In the next place, note what Jesus did. He did simply and only what the people sought for the children. "And he laid his hands on them (i.e., in 19:15). "And he took them up in his blessing), and departed thence" (Matt. arms; put his hands upon, and blessed them" (Mark 10:16). The literal here is beautiful: "And, folding them in his arms, he was blessing (them), putting his hands upon them." He simply bestowed a blessing in an oriental manner upon these dear children, that was all. That was all that was sought. That was all he did.

To get a water ritual in this, one must draw upon his imagination and read something into the Word of God which is not there. — Baptist & Reflector.

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The North West Mississippi Baptist Conference will meet with Sardis Church on April 13 beginning at 9:45 a. m. The notice was received too late to give the full program, but the following are to have parts: Rev. Glen Crawford, Rev. Guy Reedy, Missionary Gerald Riddell, and Rev. J. H. Sherman.

107 Additions At Greenwood First

In one of the greatest revival meetings in the history of First Church, Greenwood, led by Dr. R. G. Lee, March 28-April 4, there were 107 additions, 57 for baptism. Capacity crowds attended. Not only was the auditorium filled but also three assembly rooms which were equipped with loud speakers. In several services two and three hundred were turned away.

The music was led by J. Roy Bethune of Memphis.

Rev. J. H. Kyzar, pastor, states that it was not only a spiritual revival but that its influence will be felt for months.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee met on Thursday in the Baptist Building for the transaction of business affecting Mississippi Baptist life. Members present were: John D. Davis, Fred B. Bookter, Fred B. Mosley, J. D. Ray, E. D. Hurst, Wayne Alliston, and W. L. Meadows. Allocations for pastoral and building evangelism were considered. Out of state trips for staff members were approved.

The June 11, Friday, 10:30 a. m., meeting of Associational Stewardship Directors was approved. This meeting will be at the Baptist Building.

The 1949 Associational Moderators and Associational Clerks meeting was approved.

• The coming of Dr. Willis Howard,

First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to the 1949 Evangelistic Conference was announced. Dr. W. A. Criswell, Dallas, Texas, had already promised to come, so Mississippi Baptists have two great preachers of our day scheduled for this meeting the first four days of March, 1949.

For one year the Executive Secretary and Executive Committee upon the authorization of the Convention Board had chosen and been after Mr. M. F. Rayburn, prominent layman and business man of Meridian, for the post of Assistant Executive Secretary. The Baptist Building Committee had further interviewed him to this end back in November. Final plans for his coming were approved by the Executive Committee.

THE RECORD OFFERS ITS OWN TESTIMONY

It is easy to forget. In 1939 Mississippi Baptists' preaching and promotional cost or so called "overhead" was 16%; whereas, it has been brought down to 6% in 1947. In 1939 they had in the State Mission budget for church building purposes \$4,500.00; whereas, this year they have \$17,500.00. In 1939 they had nothing in our State Mission budget for Negro work; whereas, this year they have \$12,000.00. In 1939 they had through State Missions \$600.00 for Indian work; whereas, this year they have \$4,000.00. Ten years ago through State Missions they were given \$3,600.00 to B. S. U. work annually. This year they have \$17,500.00 allocated for that purpose.

In 1939, the audit shows assets in the amount of \$36,066.86; whereas, the 1947 audit shows a balance in the amount of \$210,853.97.

In 1939, what might be called plant equipment totaled \$2,123.00; whereas, the last audit totaled plant fund surplus at \$317,950.76.

In 1939, Co-operative Program receipts totaled \$104,252.84. For the last Convention year, Co-operative Program receipts totaled \$682,520.66.

In 1939, the people gave for State Missions \$40,422.70; whereas, the audit for last year shows State Missions receipts \$225,721.84.

In 1939, total receipts for everything were in the amount of \$202,692.45; whereas, last year there was a total of \$1,627,666.74 for the Convention year — more than that for the calendar year.

In 1939, the audit shows debt in the amount of \$684,335.58; whereas, today Mississippi Baptists owe not one penny.

With all of that, there were baptized last year 14,605 persons, for the first time in our long history going over the 14,000 mark.

THE FOLLOWING COMPARISON OF BUDGETS PROVIDES THE PICTURE OF EXPANSION AND GROWTH UNDER THE BLESSING OF GOD.

STATE MISSIONS BUDGET — 1939		STATE MISSIONS BUDGET — 1948	
1. B. S. U.	\$3,600.00	1. Church Building Evangelism	\$17,500.00
2. Sunday School	7,500.00	2. Negro Work	12,000.00
3. B. T. U.	4,400.00	3. Indian Work	4,000.00
4. Pastoral Support	9,500.00	4. B. S. U. Work (Campus)	11,600.00
5. Church Building	4,500.00	5. B. S. U. Department	5,900.00
6. Evangelism	5,000.00	6. Sunday School Department	13,500.00
7. Indian Work	600.00	7. Training Union Department	13,500.00
8. Convention Expense	250.00	8. Evangelistic Conference	1,000.00
9. Board Meetings	1,000.00	9. Historical Society	220.00
10. Fixed Items	270.00	10. Board Employees Retirement Plan	3,000.00
11. Historical Society	100.00	11. Retirement Plan Office Expense	3,000.00
12. Clarke College	1,000.00	12. Ministers Retirement Plan	15,000.00
TOTAL	\$37,500.00	13. Convention Expense	250.00
		14. Fixed Expense	300.00
		15. Board Meetings	1,500.00
		16. State Missions Promotion	1,000.00
		17. Tracts and Promotion	1,000.00
		18. Stewardship Conferences	600.00
		19. Institutional Work	5,500.00
		20. W. M. U. Department	15,500.00
		21. W. M. U. Field Work	10,650.00
		Camp Garaywa	\$5,000.00
		Negro Woman Worker	1,500.00
		(Indian Youth Work and Negro Youth Work)	550.00
		Scholarship	600.00
		R. A. Worker	3,000.00
		22. Pastoral Evangelism	10,000.00
		23. Service Men's Aid	1,200.00
		24. Two Evangelists (Private Funds)	8,100.00
		25. Brotherhood Department	8,000.00
		26. Music Department	8,000.00
		27. Associational Missions	17,000.00
		28. Preachers' Bible School	1,000.00
		29. Temperance Promotion	9,000.00
		30. Widows Supplemental Plan	9,000.00
		31. Summertime Evangelistic Youth Program	3,000.00
		32. Promotion Ministers Retirement	1,000.00
		33. Associational Missionary Institute	300.00
		34. Chinese Missions	1,000.00
		TOTAL	\$213,120.00

— THE RECORD LITERALLY SHOUTS ITS OWN TESTIMONY! DOXOLOGY! —



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### The Inconsistency of Our Nation in Regard to the Liquor Question

In this column last week we discussed alcohol as a disease. It is considered a disease by our nation and treated as such. Many institutions have been built and millions of dollars spent to treat alcoholics.

Since alcoholism is considered as a disease and millions are involved by its continued increase, how can intelligent men in our law making bodies legalize liquor which causes the disease? No rational intelligent citizen would vote to legalize the spreading of tuberculosis germs. It is absurd to think of such. Liquor is a far more dreaded enemy of mankind than tuberculosis.

As alcoholism is a disease, are we justified in advertising it through the magazines, daily newspapers, over the radio, on the screen, on billboards and otherwise? It is reported that the liquor crowd spends 100 million annually advertising this public enemy No. 1. This should be outlawed immediately.

It should not be tolerated by a civilized nation.

Granting that alcoholism is a disease, are we justified in dressing up liquor advertising as we do and holding it up before our young people as we do when we advertise?

We should do everything within our power to crush out the liquor traffic, and thereby eliminate this disease, killing so many thousands of our people. If infantile paralysis should break out in a community or state, an all out effort would be made to stamp it out immediately. No person would hesitate for a moment to join wholeheartedly in the fight.

If we had spent the years since we found the cause of typhoid fever in learning how to treat the patient, we would not have rid our country of typhoid. The same is true of diphtheria. It takes a more intensive imagination to plan for the prevention of disease than it does to handle it when it is before us in suffering mankind.

"Building boys is better than mending men."

### Ridgeland Church Gives Thanks

Members of Ridgeland Church would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank each one who contributed in any way toward the building and the equipping of our church.

We would like to express our special thanks to First Church and Calvary Church, Jackson, for the money they have given; and to Parkway Church, Jackson, for the money and pews they have given. Rev. R. A. Miller, student at Mississippi College, is pastor.

### Hilbun Leaves State

Dr. B. B. Hilbun has resigned at Florence to accept the pastorate at First Church, Greensburg, Kentucky. He preached his first sermon there as pastor April 4.

Mrs. Hilbun and two sons will join Dr. Hilbun in June, after the oldest son, Billy, graduates from Central High School, Jackson.

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## STATE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE SUGGESTIONS

A meeting of the Stewardship Committee was held in the office of Dr. D. A. McCall on Tuesday Morning, March 9 at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of surveying the needs and possibilities of Stewardship emphasis among Mississippi Baptists for the year.

A thorough discussion was made of the need for acceptance of the full meaning of the word stewardship in our church life. Possibilities, in organization for a state wide emphasis, were discussed and the committee adopted some recommendations that are being passed on to pastors and laymen for prayerful and careful consideration.

First, the committee suggests that a state wide meeting be held instead of the district stewardship meetings as held last year. The District meetings were outstanding in their accomplishments and this suggestion is in no way to cast doubt as to their importance. It is felt, however, that a state wide rally would give added emphasis to the importance of the meeting.

Second, the committee was of unanimous consent that a state wide organization for promotion of stewardship is a necessity. It was suggested that since stewardship involves more than contribution of money, emphasis should be placed on the development of the christian in service, as well as secure a decision for Christ.

(1) The committee recommends that each church select a stewardship committee, or stewardship chairman, to promote stewardship in the church and to serve on an associational Stewardship Committee. The manner of selection to be left to the church which could select a committee composed of organizational heads, its present finance Committee or a separate committee.

(2) The committee recommends an Associational Stewardship Committee be formed from representatives from each church and that a chairman be selected to head this committee in the light of his or her qualifications and consecration in the same manner as the selection of other Associational Directors of various organizations. This would give an organization that would constantly be on the job in promoting stewardship and would give associational emphasis as well as local church leadership.

(3) The committee recommends that steps be taken immediately for the perfecting of this organization. It is suggested that the Moderator of each Association urge each church to select their Stewardship leader or leaders at an early date and that the Moderator call this committee together by June 1, 1948. In order to call a meeting of the Associational Stewardship Committee, the church would of necessity have to select its leader and so the committee suggests that the churches select their representatives or leaders by May 15, 1948.

(4) The Committee further recommends that a State wide meeting of Associational leaders be held in Jackson, Mississippi on June 11, 1948 at 10:30 for the purpose of discussing a state wide program. The meeting would be an inspirational meeting as well as a planning program. Thus, with the church selecting their leaders by May 15, the Associational Moderator calling a meeting for Associational organization by June 1 and with the state wide meeting on June 11 the committee feels that a definite project can be and will be launched that will accomplish great results for Mississippi Baptists.

(5) The Committee suggests that the state wide stewardship meeting be held jointly with the Brotherhood meeting of the Lauderdale Association if possible, and that this matter be studied by Dr. McCall and Bro. Roberts for a definite decision.

(6) The Committee suggests that every Association use their Missionary for the promotion of the Stewardship program. If there is no Associational Missionary, it is suggested that a definite study be made of the possibilities of securing one because of the great work that they are able to render.

In conclusion, the committee lists some specific suggestions for Stewardship Promotion and urges the utilization of each suggestion to carry out the spirit of this great need.

- 1 — Stewardship Revivals
- 2 — Verbal Presentation of program to churches by Associational Committee
- 3 — Distribution and Use of Tracts and Literature
- 4 — Planned Study Courses
- 5 — Schools of Missions
- 6 — Instructions as given to new church members
- 7 — Distribution of church envelopes to new members
- 8 — Vacation Bible School
- 9 — Church Tithing Campaign
- 10 — Every Member Canvass
- 11 — Associational wide Simultaneous efforts
- 12 — Emphasis on a Church Budget for Every Church
- 13 — Baptist Record Distribution in the EFP
- 14 — Regular and systematic distribution of receipts by churches
- 15 — Joint cooperation of Committee with the Cooperative Program Committee in magnifying the cooperative program
- 16 — Enlistment of church organizational leadership in promotion

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### Marion Churches Organize Associational Brotherhood

The churches in Marion County which have Brotherhoods met Tuesday night, March 23 with the Oloh Baptist Church for the purpose of organizing the Brotherhood on an associational basis. The group was very graciously entertained by the Oloh church, a very inspirational program was rendered using men from the various Brotherhoods. At the close of the program the following officers were elected:

President, Mr. Stenly Upton, Foxworth.

Program Vice-President, Mr. Vernon Tolar, East Columbia.

Attendance Vice-President, Mr. R. C. Collins, Oloh.

Promotional Vice-President, Mr. John Mikell, Foxworth.

Chorister, Mr. Porter Broom, East Columbia.

Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Mack Smith, Oloh.

#### Advisory Committee:

Reverend Guy Little, East Columbia.

Reverend F. G. Wilborn, Oloh.

Reverend E. L. Howell, Foxworth.

The next meeting will be with the Foxworth Baptist Church April 13.

### Associational Rallies Reached Large Numbers

We have just closed a series of fifteen associational Brotherhood Rallies, the theme being "Men and Missions." The first week in March Dr. McCall was the featured speaker; the second week, Miss Edwina Robinson; the third week, Dr. A. L. Goodrich; and the fourth week, Horace Headrick, Henry Edmonds, and the Brotherhood Secretary were the speakers. A total of 1,291 attended these meetings. The associations and the attendance of each are listed below:

Lauderdale	110
Jones	178
Gulf Coast	93
Pearl River	45
Hinds-Warren	108
Simpson	190
Pike	92
Madison	58
Leflore	75
Leake	40
Newton	35
Walthall	50
Lincoln	90
George	40
Deer Creek	87

1,291

### Five Hundred or Five

A church with 500 men can have a Brotherhood.

A church with 50 men can have a Brotherhood.

A church with five men does have a Brotherhood.

This church with 27 members, with 39 enrolled in Sunday School, had five men.

This church had a Sunday school attendance of 22 to 29.

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## Lay Cornerstone For New Brandon Church

### Estimated Cost Is \$60,000

Brandon, April 4 — The Baptists of Brandon laid the cornerstone of their new \$60,000 house of worship this afternoon with the pastor, the Rev. Monte A. Davis, directing the services and with Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Jackson, bringing the principal message.

Contract to Curry and Corley of Raleigh was let last November, and construction began soon thereafter. Plans were drawn by Jones and Haas of Jackson. The new church is of brick and stone construction. Modern in every respect it is planned to contain a large auditorium, adequate educational facilities, baptistry, pastor's study, and kitchen.

Members of the Building committee are Carroll Kennedy, chairman, Ruel Overby, S. P. Kennedy, W. E. Wells, and Henry Allen.

At the open air service this afternoon, the pastor, Mr. Davis read the scripture. Dr. Hudgins spoke on the New Testament church describing it as divine in its origin, simple in its organization, and challenging in its opportunities and message. He commended members of the church for their forward movement in erecting the new building.

W. E. Wells, placed the Bible church membership roll, roster of the officers and the deacons of the church, list of the building committee, copy of the day's program, a copy of the resolutions authorizing the building of the church, copy of the Rankin County Associational minutes, and other Baptist literature in the cornerstone. The pastor and others then laid the stone.

Others taking part on the program this afternoon were G. A. Harrison, chairman of the Deacons, Gycell Tynes, superintendent of the city schools, Henry G. Laird, Marvin Thomas, Mrs. Monte Davis, and Miss Ann Wells.

The church is now holding services in the school building and will do so until the new building is completed. The old frame building was torn down before construction began on the new church.

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## Warren Association on March

Warren County Association is on the march, according to County Missionary Phil J. Walker. He reports a Sunday School and Training Union in every church in the Association, and every church having a resident pastor except two.

During the week of March 1 - 6 they had a Training Union Visitation program. This week they are having a Sunday School clinic, with every church cooperating. The clinic is being held at First Church, Vicksburg.

## Moderators and Clerks Hold Fine Meet



Above are shown some of the moderators and clerks from the 72 associations among Mississippi Baptists, as they met in the assembly room at the Baptist Building in Jackson last week. The annual meeting of the Moderators and Clerks, which is one of the most significant Baptist gatherings, was largely attended, and matters pertaining to the associations were discussed. Boyce Adams, Clarksdale, moderator for the Riverside Association, presided over that group meeting, while Rev. Harold Anderson of Long Beach, presided over the clerks' meeting. A nominating committee composed of Rev. Tom Siler of Anguilla, Dr. Glen Eric Wiley of Grenada and I. S. Barnes of Jackson served. Helping to make the day's work a success were: Rev. M. E. Perry of Leaksville; Rev. W. L. Meadows of Quitman; Rev. John I. Hill of Union; Missionary Anderson of Gulf Coast Association; Rev. Roy Lewis of Shannon; Rev. Van Hardin of Rolling Fork; Rev. G. C. Hodge of Biloxi and W. F. Duckworth of Booneville, and all who shared in the sessions.

The address of Secretary Bryant of Virginia stressed the all-important matter of winning souls and inspired all who heard him.



In the picture above, Rev. J. W. T. Siler of Anguilla looks on as he holds the handsome Bible he has just received from Dr. D. A. McCall in recognition of first honors for the best minutes in 1947, as Miss Elizabeth Parke of Meridian is receiving from Rev. H. J. Rushing of Laurel the award for the second honors. Rev. Siler is clerk of the Deer Creek Association and Miss Parke is clerk of the Lauderdale Association. The committee of Judges had difficulty in selecting the winners. They gave honorable mention to Rev. Rushing for minutes of Jones Association, and C. E. Young of Liberty in the Mississippi Association. The Laurel pastor who has served as secretary of the Moderators and Clerks for 1947, was asked to present Miss Parke's Bible.



Horace Headrick of Laurel was elected Moderator of the state organization of Moderators and Clerks, and shown above is receiving the congratulations of Dr. McCall, who served in 1947. Other new officers are Rev. Carmen Savell of Vardaman, standing, left, vice moderator, and Rev. W. L. Marsh of Sunflower, seated, secretary. Standing at the extreme right is James R. Bryant of Richmond, Secretary for Virginia Baptists, who was the featured out-of-state speaker at the sessions.



## BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

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### "Cognition"

The Young People's Department of Training Union, Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, publishes a weekly bulletin, four pages including the cover. This is a mimeograph paper attractively done by the young people themselves. This paper is more than a year old and continues to be attractive and useful. The constituency eagerly await Sunday when they receive their copy. Miss Ruth Sterling, office secretary in the Temperance Dept. Baptist Building is the editor and has a splendid staff including a reporter from each of the six young people's union in the church. If you want to get a little better acquainted with the editor, turn to page 17 in the April Training Union Magazine and let her tell you about "A summer in Oklahoma working with the Home Mission Board."

### Mississippi Association Scores Another Victory

Mrs. A. G. Felder, Associational Director of Mississippi Associational Training Union has this to say about their last meeting — "The Youth Session of the Mississippi Training Union Association met in the Gillsburg Baptist church March 16th. Truly the spirit of training union loyalty was manifested when five hundred attended amid storm clouds and a deluge of rain. The devotional and special music numbers young people. Story Hour Demonstration from Centerville and Liberty churches. A youth message very ably presented by Rev. E. N. Sullivan of Woodville using the theme "Follow Me." A religious film, The raising of Jairus' daughter was shown by Rev. M. T. Wilson of East Fork church. The Mileage banner was won by Woodville, The Attendance banner by Oak Grove, Efficiency banner by East Fork. Rev. A. A. Ward offered the closing prayer after which delicious chicken sandwiches, cake and drinks were served by the Gillsburg church. The next mass meeting will be June 15th at Mt. Vernon church. The growing interest as manifested by attendance under circumstances like this group had is heartening. Congratulations Mississippi Association Training Union."

### Parkway Enrolls 336 In Study Course

Miss Eunice Sandlin, Director of the Parkway church reports a most helpful study course in the Parkway church in March. Forty Juniors studied under the teaching of Mrs. E. C. Murry of the Parkway church. The adults were taught by Mrs. W. B. Holliday of First Church, The Young People by Rev. Wayne Todd of Daniels church and the Intermediates by Mrs. Virgil Myers of First Church. In the absence of Bro. Todd Miss Alene Johnson of the State Training Union department taught one night. Reports are to the effect that this was an outstanding week of study.

### Attala to Carry 37 to Ridgecrest

A note from Associational Director L. G. Myrick of Attala Association is to the effect that they have their group of 37, lacking two, all signed up for Ridgecrest. These will represent

various churches in the association. What a grand time they will have. In reporting on this interesting activity Mr. Myrick also said their last meeting of the Associational Training was the best they have had. The auditorium of the First Baptist Church, Kosciusko was filled, and every church but one that has a training union was represented. A good program following good publicity usually gets the crowds.

We used to sing a little ditty—It's a horrible death to die, it's a horrible death to die, it's a horrible death TO BE TALKED TO DEATH, it's a horrible death to die. We have heard of associational meetings that lasted for hours or more with nothing but long messages, messages by adults! After one or two experiences like that folks do not usually come back. We are in the business of training, so why not give a LOT of people an opportunity to get the extra training that serving on a convention program gives them. Short vital parts by all ages, with the entire program running an hour and a half or less.

Next week the Baldwin church will have the pleasure of having Rev. Joe Abrams with them for an enlargement campaign. We will have a good report on this weeks work later we feel sure.

We appreciate a monthly report from Mr. W. R. Jeffries, Director of the First Church Jackson. This report shows a gradual growth in every way by all departments. Their present enrollment is 710. Not bad, even for a large church.

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### NOTICE CONCERNING CONVENTION MESSENGERS

By Joe W. Burton  
Secretary, Southern Baptist Convention  
Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in the annual meeting to be held in Memphis, May 19-23, should be properly certified by the churches. Enrollment cards for proper certification are available from the office of the state secretary of the Baptist Convention in the state.

Any church cooperating in the work of the Southern Baptist Convention may send messengers to the Memphis meeting. The number of messengers, according to the Southern Baptist Convention constitution, shall be determined as follows:

(1) One messenger for each church concurring the fiscal year preceding the annual meeting.

(2) One additional messenger for every 250 members; or for each \$250 paid to the work of the Convention during the fiscal year preceding the annual meeting.

(3) The messengers will be appointed and certified by the churches, to the Convention, but no church may appoint more than ten.

If messengers will bring their enrollment cards to Memphis, properly certified by their churches, it will greatly facilitate registration.

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The world's greatest love story is the gospel of Jesus Christ. Love never undertook so much, demonstrated such confident courage, poured itself out so unselfishly, or reached so far as the love of God which was manifested in the gift of his only begotten Son. . . Editorial in *The Teacher*.

## Sparks & Splinters

Rev. L. Gordon Sansing, pastor of the First Church, Booneville, has been elected president of the Rotary Club there.

In the March 25 issue of the Record, it was stated that First Church, Greenwood was installing air conditioning and that "It is believed that this is the first church in Mississippi to have this feature." Information has been received that Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, Rev. John E. Barnes, Jr., pastor, was air conditioned in 1947 and used it during the past year.

**GROWING UP WITH JESUS (\$2.50)**, by A. C. Mueller and published by the Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, is a nursery manual for parents and teachers. The training of the child begins at the pre-school level. For this period, psychology affords the parents many aids. In Pastor Mueller's book will be found these psychological aids, based on the teachings of the Bible. The manual covers child training from the Christian viewpoint. The positive attitude, hopeful spirit, and practical suggestions of this handbook will encourage and assist parents in their special responsibilities. Emphasis is placed upon the behavior of parents as a pattern for the behavior of children. Since Bible stories are so replete with truths and lessons, Pastor Mueller has selected 52 stories from the Old and New Testaments and developed them in thoughtful, detailed manner, tying in each story with the objects and occurrences familiar to a small child. These presentations cannot fail to bring the stories close to the lives of little ones. The author is editor of the Concordia Sunday School Lessons. Orders should be sent to the publisher or to the Baptist Book Store.

Rev. J. A. Pennington, pastor at First Church, Mangum, Oklahoma, has been elected Evangelism and Brotherhood Secretary of Oklahoma. He succeeds Dr. T. P. Haskins, who recently resigned to re-enter the pastorate.

**WINKY MEETS THE GYPSIES (\$1.75)**, by Ken Anderson and published by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, is a delightful little story that boys and girls will enjoy reading. Did you ever meet a Gypsy? Winky did, and some surprising things happened after he talked with Jeta, a dark-eyed little Gypsy girl. You will want to know what happened to Boston, Winky's bulldog, when he disappeared, and what happened to Winky the day he found himself in the Gypsy camp. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store or to the publisher.

Dr. W. R. Cooper has been supplying for First Church, Philadelphia for the past 6 months. He reports that he has found the people very responsive, the congregations large and attentive, and he enjoys the supply greatly.

T. D. Carroll, c/o First Baptist Church, McKinney, Texas, until April 11, has 2 open dates for evangelistic singing, April 11-25 and May 2-16.

**140 STORIES FOR THE CHILDREN'S HOUR**, by Harry Albus and published by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan (\$1), is a collection of stories that has been gathered from the writings of the great to provide green pastures for the children's hour. Boys and girls love, and need, stories written especially for them. They will love this book because it tells of many things — faraway lands, great men, strange adventures, animals, mothers and fathers, and boys and girls like themselves. Mothers may wish to read these stories to their children for devotions or the children may want to read them for themselves. Indexes of Scripture texts and topics have been included which will make this book useful to ministers, Sunday School teachers and Christian workers. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store or to the publisher.

Recent visitors in the office of the Baptist Record are as follows: Rev. Cary E. Cox, Hazlehurst; Rev. Homer W. Robertson, Vicksburg; Rev. H. P. Porter, Brookhaven; Rev. Zeno Wells, McComb; Mrs. Bessie E. Kent, Forest; Clifton Nettles, Jackson; Rev. C. M. Day, Durant; Mrs. G. W. Smith, Pelahatchie; L. L. Walker, Highlandale; Dr. W. R. Cooper, Jackson; Rev. W. D. Ellingburg, Vaiden; Rev. M. Glenn Smith, McComb; Rev. J. A. Bryant, McComb; Rev. W. W. Simpson, Philadelphia; Rev. S. B. Harrington, Tchula; Mrs. E. A. Alderman, Hermanville; Linda Rose Alderman, Hermanville; Thomas Gates Hurst, Laurel; Jack Spradling, Jackson; Rev. Harold Douglas, Hollandale; A. L. Lowery, Wesson; W. P. Raney, Wesson; Rev. M. P. Jones, Wesson; Rev. Phil J. Walker, Vicksburg; Rev. M. E. Perry, Leaksville; Rev. Charles E. Pont, Brooklyn, New York; Rev. Earl Brooks, Weir.

**ANN JUDSON, HEROINE OF BURMA (\$1.50)**, by Basil Miller and published by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, is the thrilling and romantic biography of Ann and Adoniram Judson. From a pleasant New England town to the steaming jungles of Burma was a strange but glorious course. God led them to the land of tears and triumph. There were desperate days of tragedy, illness and imprisonment; but their first converts, the first baptism, the first Burmese church gladdened the way. After almost fourteen years of missionary trials and victories, Ann Judson laid her trophies before the throne of God; Adoniram was left to carry on. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store or to the publisher.

Martha Ann Cooper, Handsboro, Miss., and Betty Cooper, Ventura, Cal., have reserved rooms at Blue Mountain College for next session. Their fathers, who are identical twins, are Baptist ministers. Rev. Paul Cooper, Martha's father, is pastor at Handsboro, Miss., and Rev. Silas Cooper, Betty's father, is pastor of the Baptist Church in Ventura, Calif.

**BASIC QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BIBLE (\$1.25)**, by Leonard Greenway and published by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, is a prayerfully prepared book in which the author answers with rare wisdom and simplicity the questions which young people ask. Our troubled times demand straight thinking about Scripture — its origin and function. Today's young people must know about the Book and what it can do. Dr. Greenway knows young people and the questions they ask and this book was written to serve as a Bible-study textbook for young people of senior high school and junior college ages. Space is provided at the end of each chapter for supplementary notes. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store or to the publisher.

Sunday School attendance is picking up at South McComb Church where Rev. James A. Bryant is pastor. The attendance has grown from 100 in January to 278 in March. Pastor Bryant writes that the census shows possibilities for 900 for Sunday School.

Rev. Troy A. Sumrall recently conducted a revival meeting at Buck Creek Church, Perry County. During the week 12 members were added to the church, a religious census was taken revealing 265 prospective members, a Sunday School was organized, and 5 deacons were appointed, one of which is to be ordained. This fine rural church has voted to send the Record to its membership, and have agreed to send 10 per cent of gross income to the cooperative program. At the present time they are without a pastor.

East Columbia Church held a spring revival March 29 — April 2. The following ministers preached: H. D. Jordan, pastor Bunker Hill; E. L. Howell, Foxworth; W. W. Kyzar, Columbia; F. G. Wilborn, Olah Church; Mark Lowry, Goss. All of the messages were on church doctrines. Guy Little, pastor.



## -- Woman's Missionary Union --

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson  
Young People's Sec'y. — Miss Nell Taylor

### Young People's Secretary Visits Southwestern Seminary

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary celebrated its fortieth anniversary March 8-12. One of the activities of the week was a meeting of the Woman's Advisory Board for the Woman's Missionary Training School of the Seminary. As a member of that Board, your Young People's Secretary spent a very interesting and helpful week on the campus. Fourteen states were represented in this Board meeting, and the deliberations were timely and inspiring.

Of particular interest to our W.M.U. will be news from the Training School there. Mississippi has five girls enrolled this year:

Misses Margaret (Happy) Wilson, Starkville  
Sybil Dewees, Philadelphia.  
Edith Adams, Jackson.  
Erlene Howard, Starkville.  
Julia (Mo) Calvin, Picayune.

These young women, along with the other fine Mississippians in the Seminary, are representatives of whom our state can be duly proud.

Dr. Floy Barnard, Dean of Women in charge of the Training School Building, reported briefly of this year's work. There are 120 young women in the building and 50 others enrolled in the school but living off the campus—a total 170 young women in the Training School of Southwestern Seminary. Forty three of these are now mission volunteers, 15 for Home Missions and 28 for Foreign Missions. The latest volunteer made her decision on the first Sunday in March—the Training School Y.W.A. played a definite part in this decision. The offering for the Home Mission Season of Prayer had reached \$309 and continued to mount. Among these purposeful young women, the spirit of missions is evident, the power of prayer is witnessed, the presence of the Holy Spirit is felt.

Perhaps you say to yourself, "Fort Worth, Texas, is far away. I have no real contact with this group of girls in the Training School." But they CAN seem closer, if you would like for them to! (1). A letter or card to anyone of our five girls named above would bring you closer to the group. The address is Southern Baptist Seminary, Seminary Hill Station, Fort Worth, Texas. (2). Of great help would

be a message of appreciation to our Mississippian, Mrs. Alpha McDill, who serves especially this Training School group as Assistant Professor of Social Work. (3). A further tie would come through love gifts for the Training School Building. The reception room is to be refinished, and financial help, though not solicited, would be gratefully and graciously received. Those desiring to have a share, small or large, should send gifts to the Business Office of the Seminary, clearly marked for the Training School Building. (4). Continued prayer for these young women and the total Seminary enrollment—1300 (plus) is one share which EACH of us may have. Pray not only for the students, but also remember with deep gratitude the entire faculty who so unselfishly give themselves to the work.

Southwestern Seminary has a definite and vital part to play in the big task of training world workers. Therefore, let us quicken our interest, increase our giving, and deepen our prayers for this Seminary, as well as our other two Seminaries, to the end that MISSIONS may advance in His name.

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**BUSINESS EXPERT SOUGHT**  
(Continued from Page One)

ning.  
In the church, according to his pastor, A. E. Mason, he is second to none. During the latter years of the life of Pastor Blanding Vaughan, at South Side, Mr. Rayburn was actually the pastor's assistant, arranging for pulpit supplies and attending to all details of the pastorate during his beloved leader's illness, often for months at a time. This service he rendered is typical of the loving devotion he has in his heart for his church, which holds first place in his loyalty. He has been a successful church clerk, Sunday School superintendent, chairman of deacons, Brotherhood president, Training Union director, department superintendent, Sunday school teacher and is now the treasurer of his church. On the church's building committees during the years his work has been most helpful. The latest achievement of this great congregation was the erection of a handsome home for the pastor, costing approximately \$18,000, and Mr. Rayburn served as chairman on this committee along with other

outstanding members, in which the notes were paid 18 months before they were due. All this experience fits him in a peculiar way to give special service in denominational administrative tasks. He has been a tither for over a score of years. Probably no layman in the south knows more about the work of a Baptist church than Mr. Rayburn.

While his first emphasis has always been the church he is a citizen in the highest sense. He has served twice on the Board of Directors of the Meridian Chamber of Commerce, was, during World War II, on the Selective Service Board, has been chairman of the Community Chest, and active in Red Cross and Salvation Army work. He is a member and past president of the Exchange Club and a Mason. He served for several years on the board

Marshall Grisham, baritone of Kalamazoo, Michigan, is available in leading Revival singing. A native Mississippian, Mr. Grisham has had wide experience in Evangelistic singing, with considerable radio and concert work. His wife is also an accomplished singer. His address is Cecil W. Grisham, 818 Fairwood Drive, Grenada.

of the Boy Scout Council of the Choctaw area. For a period he served with the Federal Government in important rehabilitation work, filling a state wide position requiring great economical ability and business knowledge. Mr. Rayburn received his high school and college education at Purvis and Mississippi Southern. Mrs. Rayburn is the former Miss Grace Boggs of Sumrall.



## LIGHT IS BREAKING!!!

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## BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

Dr. Joe W. Burton, Head of the Division of Editorial Service of the Department of Home Curriculum of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Editor of *Home Life*, has written Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey as follows:

"You will be glad to know that Miss Edna Mae Gunter has proved herself in such a fine way that we have asked her to assume additional responsibility. She is now the editorial assistant in the Home Curriculum Department, these duties having been assumed on March 1.

Miss Gunter is indeed a choice and capable person. We are grateful to you and to Blue Mountain for this contribution which you have made to our Christian home ministry.

The Lord's good blessings on you as you continue to train young women for Christian home building."

Gratefully yours,  
JOE W. BURTON  
Editor, *Home Life*

Miss Gunter, whose home is Sallis, graduated from Blue Mountain College last June. Her two sisters, Rowena and Inez, also are graduates of Blue Mountain. Rowena is now Mrs. R. H. Falwell, Jr., and is serving as a missionary in China. Inez is now Mrs. F. Y. Gowan and lives at McAdams, Mississippi.





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### MUSIC FOR LITTLE CHILDREN

Too often the adults of the church have the idea that it is not so important that emphasis be placed on music and Directors of music for the little children. It is very important to realize that the younger children need not only the best in teachers but also in musicians.

The pianist must realize that the children need a true, soft and simple accompaniment. Accompanists who create a spirit of reverence with their playing teach these younger ones that same spirit as they attend their classes, unions, and a regular church service. Creating this spirit of reverence in our little ones will insure that same spirit as they grow into Juniors, Intermediates, Young People, and Adults. It is surprising how the proper music can solve a discipline problem.

Action songs, nature songs and children's songs are all fine and should be used but the children love our church hymns and it is surprising how many they know. For example, teach them the "Doxology" so they can join in at the regular preaching service and sing with the congregation. Explain its meaning so that they can understand what they are singing. Teach them prayer hymns and missionary hymns.

Give the children the best the church has to offer in musicians. After all, some of those little children of today will be our music leaders of

tomorrow and tomorrow will soon be here.

### COMMENTS ON MUSICAL NOTES

All Church Musicians who are interested in some helpful and refreshing comments of different phases of our Church Music Program should read W. Hines Sim's articles in the B. T. U. magazine.

We call your special attention to the articles in the February and March issues of this year, in which he discusses the SONGLEADERS and the PIANIST. Musicians in these two particular groups will especially enjoy and appreciate thoroughly Mr. Sims practical discussion on the characteristics of each.

Make a note now to follow Mr. Sim's articles in his column, MUSICAL NOTES, in the B.T.U. monthly magazine. We think you will become an ardent reader of his column.

### THANKS FOR PROGRAMS

We appreciate some of the churches sending a copy of their Easter programs show evidence of not only gram to our Department. All of the capable leadership in church music but also unusual talent. We are happy to receive them.

We are keeping a file of programs for Easter and other special occasions, so if you will send us your Easter programs we will put it on file for future use and suggestions. Thank you in advance.

## JOHN NEWPORT ACCEPTS OKLAHOMA PASTORATE

Dr. John Newport, former Clinton pastor, has accepted the call of Immanuel Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and began his pastorate on March 28. He received his A. B. degree from William Jewell College, Th. D. from Southern Seminary, and has completed his residence work for the Ph. D. degree at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Before going to Scotland, Dr. Newport was pastor at Clinton.

Mrs. Newport is the former Eddie Bell Leavell and daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Frank H. Leavell of Nashville, Tennessee. They have one daughter, Martha Ellen, age two.

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### Bowmar Avenue Elects Deacons

In a most impressive and beautiful service March 17, Bowmar Avenue Church, Vicksburg, ordained two of its fine young men to the deaconship, Ray Godbold and George Herndon. Pastor Homer W. Roberson led the examination and delivered the message, O. L. Chambers, pastor's assistant, led the ordination prayer. All deacons of the church participated in the laying on of hands.

Bowmar Avenue Church has a stated number of active deacons which are elected on a yearly basis. The number is 12. The church has the policy of requiring every deacon to pledge to tithe and attend mid-week prayer service; otherwise, they will not be elected deacons.

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Because of their church being destroyed by fire last week, the Men's Bible class of Burnsville Church is meeting in the depot at Burnsville. Mr. J. B. Henderson is the teacher.

## Spring Banquet at Southwestern

The Mississippi Club at Southwestern Seminary held its annual spring banquet on Tuesday night, March 16, at Colonial Cafeteria Dr. D. A. McCall was host and featured speaker.

Special tribute was paid to the late Rev. Luther Harrison, who was a former member of the group. Bob Jones conducted a brief memorial service, with soft musical accompaniment by Miss Sybil DeWeese.

An identification quiz was led by Miss Polly Howard, followed by special music by Percy Renick, Jimmy Hazard, Pat Gullledge, and Henry William Greer, accompanied by Mrs. Pat Gullledge.

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### A CONVICTION OUT OF THE PASTOR'S HEART . . .

Any organization of the Church, or any member in the Church, allowing something to take members away from the church at service time is setting a dangerous example for others and such efforts persisted it weakens the church and hinders its program. — H. J. Rushing.

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### POTPOURRI

Miss. is being allowed four girls and two boys to work for their board and room (up to \$3.00 per day) only during the Student Retreat at Ridgecrest. If you are interested in this, write Mr. Robt. Guy, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C., immediately. . . . Also, Miss. may send at least one, possibly two, to Hawaii, a young man to San Andres Island, and two young ladies or two young men (or one of each) to California this summer, according to a recent letter from Mr. William Hall Preston. Volunteers should write us immediately for these representatives will be selected probably before the middle of April. . . . Recent and very enjoyable contacts have been made with some of the State Council members in a meeting here at the Bldg.; with the pastors of Southwest Miss. in their conference at First Church, Brookhaven; with the Northwest Pastors' Conference at First, Batesville; with the students and Student Sec'y Dot Lee Jefferson at Delta State; with the Copiah County pastors meeting at First, Hazlehurst, and with the Young People's Dept. of the Training Union of First, Jackson, in a study course. . . . A total of 111 young people are ready to work in Youth Revivals this summer if our pastors, churches, cities, and associations will invite them. We

need many, many more invitations, especially for July and August. . . . Jones Jr. BSUs have recently given programs at South Laurel, Leaksville, and Rocky Creek churches, Mary Tom Berry writes. . . . Bill Weston, is banquet speaker at Miss. Southern, April 10. . . . Belhaven recently had Wayne Coleman to talk on soul-winning. . . . Five students from Miss. College and Prof. Harold Basden are on the program for Youth Week at E. McComb Bap. . . . Co Griffin writes from Hawaii, "I can hardly wait to learn just who will be Mississippi's representative." . . . Carla Allbritton writes that the prayer meeting in the Girls' Dorm at Sunflower Jr. was partly responsible, she believes, for the recent salvation of one of her girls. . . . James Rester is the new BSU President at Pearl River Jr. according to Dora Etta Solomon, Student Sec'y. . . . Any Ridgecrest Staffers who want a ride to the 'Crest about May 29th, contact me right away. . . . E. Central Jr. BSUs took 21 for a program at First, Louisville, recently. They had Riley Munday as speaker for their Farmer's Shindig banquet. . . . Was recently privileged to speak to the prayer meeting at Holmes Jr. where one of the best double octettes I ever heard furnished part of the program.

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Rev. Marlin Miller has accepted the pastorate at French Camp.

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### Statewide Teaching Clinic

Our 1948 Statewide Teaching Clinic will be in Laurel the week of August 3-27.

The faculty will be of Southwide workers. Free entertainment will be given to 100 out-of-town workers for the week. The only expense to these will be transportation and a registration fee of \$3.00.

Do you want to be one of that 100? If so, write us right away. A number have already sent in applications to be in that group.

These yearly Clinics have proven their worth in many ways. Let's make the one for this year the greatest ever.

### Convention Echoes

We greatly appreciate the following testimonies regarding our recent Mississippi Sunday School Convention in Meridian:

"All who attended the Convention say it was one of the best they ever participated in. It was a joy to have a part in it." — Mrs. Will S. McCraw, Sunday School Board.

"It seems to me that it was the best Sunday School Convention that I ever attended." — Mrs. O. M. Jones, Baptist Book Store, Jackson.

"Thank you for the privilege of having a part in the Mississippi Sunday School Convention. The interest and enthusiasm of your people was a great inspiration to me." — Margaret Grogard, Sunday School Board.

"May I congratulate you on your unusually fine Sunday School Convention. I believe it was one of the strongest programs that I have ever found in a state Sunday school convention. I have never seen a program executed with the smoothness of this one." — Allene Bryan, Sunday School Board.

"Words cannot express how much I enjoyed the Meridian Convention. We have discussed it among ourselves here and all of us agree that we have never attended any convention that was finer." — Philip B. Harris, Sunday School Board.

"I thought it was a wonderful Sunday School Convention." — Sibley Burnett, Sunday School Board.

"May I say in all sincerity, I really believe yours was the first real Sunday School Convention I have ever attended. I do not recall a program anywhere that majored so much on every phase of practical Sunday school work." — Wm. P. Phillips, Sunday School Board.

"My heart rejoices that some of our workers could participate in your Meridian Convention. We have had many fine reports of it and I congratulate you upon the response and results." — J. N. Barnette, Sunday School Board.

"Let me express my personal appreciation for the splendid Meridian Convention. The personnel and program were of the very best. To me it was one of the most profitable and helpful conventions I have ever attended." — A. Estus Mason, pastor, South Side Baptist Church, Meridian.

### The Sunflower Campaign

We were recently in a Sunday school campaign in Sunflower association, with 13 of the 18 churches cooperating that week. One church had completed

their course two weeks before, and two others will during April. This will be all but two of the 18 churches, and they will have theirs a bit later in the year.

So, Sunflower association will be 100% this year in Sunday school training work. This ought not be unusual, but it is. Dr. W. S. Hardin, the pastor at Drew, is the very splendid and efficient associational Sunday school superintendent. He had made splendid preparation, and the cooperation of pastors and people in the week's program was excellent indeed.

We appreciate so much this opportunity of service.

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### PARKWAY BAPTIST CHAPEL TO BE OPENED APRIL 11 Was Jackson Army Air Base

Dr. G. Norman Price, pastor of Parkway Church, Jackson, is announcing the opening of the Parkway Baptist Chapel at the City Housing Project (formerly Jackson Army Air Base) on April 11.

A mission committee composed of Cecil C. Lipscomb, chairman, W. Earl Clark, and H. V. Bright has been elected, with executive responsibilities, to promote all phases of this work.

Sunday School, Training Union, and full-time ministerial service is to be inaugurated. A full-time pastor is to be selected in the very near future.

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Some people must think the Sunday service is like a convention; many families just send one delegate.

### 40 & 25 Years Ago

By J. L. Boyd, Sr.  
40 YEARS AGO

Dr. J. B. Gambrell, in an article states some Baptist principles:—"Baptists stand for 'distinctive principles', and should have standing room in the small towns. . . . Not toleration, but full liberty is the Baptist 'principle' . . . to which the Baptist conscience is bound. . . . They want no more liberty than Catholics, Protestants, infidels and ignoramus have."

25 YEARS AGO

Dr. R. B. Gunter, Corresponding Secretary, writes:—"It would be interesting to know how many titheers there are in churches which receive help from the State Mission Board."

The Second Baptist (Calvary) church, Jackson, put on a Home and Foreign Mission program in Sunday school and took a special offering of \$600 for missions; their quota was \$400. — A. K. Godbold, Superintendent.

A "News" item:—"In Evanston a pastor announced he would speak on 'Liars' at the next service, counselling his flock to read the 17th chapter of St. Mark in advance. 'How many have read the chapter?', he asked at the meeting. Hands were raised in all parts of the church. 'You are the ones I want to speak to,' he said, 'there is no 17th chapter of St. Mark' — and went on with the sermon."

### 1947 WAS FRUITFUL YEAR FOR CHAPLAIN CULLOM



#### CHAPLAIN CULLOM'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

During 1947 the Lord used me to baptize 25 men, one of whom was a twenty-eight year old ex-Japanese soldier who had spent three years in the Imperial University. There were at least twenty-five other G. I.'s and several Japanese students who made professions of faith whom I did not baptize.

One reason for the more than fifty conversions was our Service Men's Christian League. For ten months these men met every day in the week: five evenings for Bible study, one for a social, and Sunday evening for preaching service. They gave out tracts, brought men to the League meetings and church services, led men to Christ, and did a lot of fine work among Japanese people. The organization of a small Baptist Japanese church will be an eternal monument to their efforts.

After ten months on the Base where these men were, I was moved to a larger place. For two months I have been working on a Base with 300 American families and a thousand soldiers in walking distance of our modern church plant. Several experienced, consecrated Sunday School teachers were waiting to help organize a Sabbath School in our building. Most of the eligible Protestant children are in our Sunday School, and the Bible Class is growing.

In addition to the joy of seeing people accept Jesus as Lord and watching young Christians grow in grace, the Lord has let \$5,000 worth of yen and donated civilian goods be delivered to Japanese Christian organizations through my efforts. Who would not rejoice at such opportunities for service?

—BR—

#### Seitz Reports Good Beginning

During his first two months as county missionary in Lauderdale Association, Rev. Ben Seitz reports 11 of the 35 churches visited, 13 sermons and addresses delivered, 3 study courses taught, one fifth Sunday Associational meeting planned, in addition to many visits in homes.

Missionary Seitz is happy over the welcome he has received in Lauderdale association, and is anxious to serve in any way he can. His address is 2222 - 15th Street, Meridian; telephone 3818-XR.

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The Old Testament was a preparation for Him; the Gospel's a manifestation of Him; The acts a propagation of Him; the epistles and explanation of Him; and the Revelation a consummation of His life, death, and resurrection. . . . W. Douglas Hudgins in The Baptist Training Union Magazine.

### Mississippi Calendar of Prayer

#### CALENDAR OF PRAYER

- April 12 — Nesheba County Sunday School Campaign.
- April 13 — Miss Virginia Davis — Surgical Instructor, Baptist Hospital.
- April 14 — Miss Helen Bolt, Student Religious Secretary, Blue Mountain College
- April 15 — Miss Addie Mae Stevens, Registrar, Mississippi College.
- April 16 — Mrs. E. C. Foster, Hostess for Ross Hall, Mississippi Woman's College.
- April 17 — Mrs. W. L. Compere, State Music Pianist.
- April 18 — Rev. Homer W. Roberson, Trustee, Clarke College.

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Someone omitted from the Blue Mountain College column on page 6 of The Baptist Record, dated April 1, the most significant part of the article, and that is who made the statement. According to the copy furnished the statement appeared in "The Greenhouse" by Paul Flowers from his daily column in the Commercial Appeal.

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## GREENVILLE FIRST B. T. U. BANQUET



## Greenville First Has Great Week

First Church at Greenville is not asleep: they recognize fully that the success of their Church program depends upon a well trained leadership. The above picture will partly furnish proof of this conviction on the part of Pastor and people.

The week of March 15 to 19 around 250 attended a study course sponsored by the Training union; the average attendance was a little above 200 with 175 receiving awards. Under the leadership of Mrs. Ben. C. Pen, Sr. the week of study offered books for all ages. For Juniors the book of *Living for Jesus* was taught by Mrs. Harold Douglas, the Intermediates studied with Mrs. Frank Baldwin and Mrs. Clarence Morris *Training in Christian Service*. Dr. E. D. Elliott, the Pastor, taught the book *Investments in Christian Living* for the Young People. Rev. Harold Douglas, the Association-Missionary, taught the Adult Manual. The group was given supper each evening prepared by the ladies of the Church.

On Wednesday night during prayer meeting the pastor brought an inspiring message calling on the people to dedicate themselves to the Lord more fully. Forty three people re-dedicated themselves to the Lord. Then upon the invitation of the Pastor ten young people gave themselves to full time Service to be used of the Lord. Mr. Lamar Lowery, B. T. U. director, said that this was by far the best study course that has been held at Greenville 1st Church.

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DR. C. S. GARDNER DIES;  
WAS FORMER TEACHER AT  
LOUISVILLE SEMINARY

Dr. Charles S. Gardner, 89, professor-emeritus of Comparative Religion and Missions at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky, died April 1 at Richmond, Virginia.

Dr. Gardner served pastorates in South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia before becoming a professor at the Southern Seminary in 1907. After his retirement in 1929, he moved to Richmond and remained there until his death.

Interment took place in Cave Hill Cemetery, Louisville, in the burial grounds of the Southern Seminary. He is survived by Mrs. Gardner, the former Miss Mary Carter Anderson, and a daughter, Miss Claudia May Gardner.

FRIENDSHIP ORGANIZES  
BROTHERHOOD AND CHOIR

On March 17, the men of Friendship Church in Pike County organized a Brotherhood with 17 charter members. Since that date, 3 new members have been added. All officers and committees have been set up, with L. S. White as president.

A young people's choir of 22 voices, under the direction of Mrs. L. B. Toney, has recently been organized. They rendered their first program Easter night. Mr. L. D. White has charge of the general music program. Rev. M. Glenn Smith is the pastor.

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## THOMPSON EUGENE BARNES

Thompson Eugene Barnes, son of Eugene L. and Chrystine Thompson Barnes, died, Jan. 19, 1948 age 12 years 4 months and 22 days. Services were conducted by Rev. John E. Barnes assisted by Rev. A. C. Parker. Interment was in Highland Park Cemetery.

"Genie" as he was lovingly called by family and friends was a loyal member of Main Street Baptist Church, having united with the church at the age of eight years. He was a patient sufferer over a period of years, he never complained of his lot, was always cheerful and smiling, planning a life of usefulness, even though he was handicapped.

There is no greater sorrow than to lose a laughing child. Most of us, sooner or later, know the full meaning of the empty chair. No one can adequately fill the chair of a loved one, once it is made vacant but we can fill that chair with happy memories of the joy and laughter that once filled it and these lovely memories will grow richer with the years as the sorrow of the loss grows less and although our hearts are broken, may we be submissive to the Father's will and remember that memories mellow and grow golden with the years.

Another leaf has fallen

Another soul has gone

But still we have God's promises

In every Robins song.

For he is in his heaven

and though he takes away,

He always leaves to mortals

The bright sun's kindly ray

He leaves the fragrant blossoms

and lovely forest green

And gives us new found comfort

When we on him will lean.

Ones who loved him.

## NEWS FROM JAPAN

Friends at Hickory have had an interesting letter from Rev. and Mrs. Bill Medling who are now at 1029 Seta Machi, Setagaya Ku, Tokyo, Japan, serving as missionaries. The Medlings formerly lived at Hickory, and many in that section will be glad to hear of some of their experiences which are quoted below:

The trip was interesting and all of us enjoyed the crossing, although we were sea sick a little and had rough water a few days. When land was sighted it appeared as a blue mist on the horizon, then gradually the blue deepened and took the form of a rugged range of mountains. It was a high moment in our lives, the time for which we had waited and prepared for 15 years had come. Behind the lights shining from the harbor were houses and in those houses were people with hungry hearts.

Mr. Dozier, Mr. Garrett, Capt. Bill Carver, Chaplain Weaver, Mrs. McCullom, Floryne Miller, Frances Talley, and two Japanese Christians met us at the boat and carried us to our new home, which is a Japanese style house and is very nice. The floors are covered with lovely Japanese tatami, (matting). Friends had cleaned the house and there were groceries in the kitchen for us to use until our own food supplies arrived.

Sunday morning we left the house around eight so that we might get to church on time. Mr. Yamashita, who lives next door, accompanied us as our guide. For the first time we had the experience of worshipping God with a group of people whose words we could not understand. It was a wonderful experience, because even though the words could not be understood, the fellowship of Christian minds and hearts could be felt, and we were spiritually filled. That afternoon we went with Mr. Dozier and Mr. Garrett to the house of another Baptist preacher. This meeting was for the purpose of reading the Bible, singing hymns, and offering a warm welcome to the new missionaries.

The days since our arrival have been busy ones, getting the boys enrolled in the American school, trying to make arrangements for our own language study, etc. Already there have been opportunities to witness for Christ. In America if one leads a soul to Christ, the soul-winner must go out and interest the person in Christ. Here, we find many individuals who are hungry for the gospel, and when they find out we are missionaries, they come to us, seeking Him.

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## Rules For a Happy Marriage

Editor's Note: In a recent nation-wide radio contest one of our readers submitted the following five rules for a happy marriage.

1. A home must be dedicated to God, and built on Christian principles, of peace, joy, and serenity. If a family altar is made the hearthstone of every home, it will withstand the ravage of time.

2. A deep abiding love, is necessary to a happy marriage. It is a sacred and lasting thing. Purely emotional love may seem wonderful at the time, but it will fade and die.

3. Consideration, coupled with understanding erases many seemingly unsurmountable difficulties. Neither party can be selfish through thoughtlessness or neglect. Each part yof us makes mistakes, so each must be willing to forgive, and ask forgiveness.

4. Companionship makes for wedded bliss. A couple must be congenial, enjoying the same kind of amusements and people, with but few exceptions.

5. Last, but by no means least, is the ability to share success or failure, happiness or sorrow. Sharing and cooperation go hand in hand, in planning the home, and rearing the children, which are the fruition of marriage. Children bring joy and sunshine into the home.

Durant Dedicates  
Organ and Bells

REV. C. M. DAY  
Pastor First Church, Durant

Easter Sunday was marked with an impressive dedication service at the First Baptist Church in Durant of which the Rev. C. M. Day is pastor. Mr. Day preached a powerful dedication sermon and special Easter music featured the program.

Dedicated to the everlasting service and glory of God were the beautiful Echulmerich electronic bells given to the Durant church a year ago by Claud C. Wilkes, as a memorial honoring his mother, the late Mrs. Elvira Heffner Wilkes who, until the time of her death in 1928 was one of the most loyal and consecrated members of this church. Mr. Wilkes is also a member of the Durant church.

Also dedicated was the new Moller pipe organ which the church purchased and was installed about two weeks before Easter. The installation of the pipe organ was the fulfillment of a dream of members of this church as long ago as 26 years. The pipe organ fund was started then and small donations were made from time to time. It was not until two years ago, however, that an active campaign was launched to raise enough money to make the final purchase possible.

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## A Record to Beat

ATLANTA, Ga. —(BP)— Rev. Stanley Smith, Baptist missionary to the Indians at Dania, Fla., has written Dr. J. B. Rounds, superintendent of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention:

"From January 1945 to December 1947, we have baptized 197 Indians, and all but six of them are tithers."

Comments Superintendent Rounds: "I challenge the white Baptists to beat this record."

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Blue Mountain, Miss., Mar. 27 — The Baptist Review for February-March contains a half-page cut of the wives of former pastors of the First Baptist Church, Houston, Texas — Mrs. W. Boyd Hunt, Mrs. E. D. Head, Mrs. Douglas Hudgins, and Mrs. J. B. Leavell, Sr., who is dean of students at Blue Mountain College. The cut depicts these ladies in the act of burning a note symbolizing the liquidation of the church indebtedness of more than twenty years. The note was burned in an urn that belongs to the ancient Ming dynasty and was used hundreds of years ago to burn incense to Buddha. Dr. and Mrs. Leavell secured it on a trip to China.